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1. The following chart records the population of Communist China as it stood at the end of 1949, 1952 and 1957. The figures do not include overseas Chinese or Chinese residents of Hong Kong and Macao.

Unit - 1,000,000 persons

Year	Total Population	Male	Female	Percentage Which is Male
1949	549	285	264	51.91 %
1952	582	302	280	51.93
1957	657	340	317	51.80

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2. The following chart records birth and death rates per 1,000 persons in 1952, 1954 and 1957. Figures for 1952 were derived from investigation of the data for 29 representative cities and six representative hsien (4905). Figures for 1954 and 1957 were contained in the Annual Population Reports for those years.

Year	Birth Rate	Death Rate
1952	37	17
1954	37	13
1957	34	11

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3. Figures in the following chart record infant mortality per 1,000 persons in rural areas in 1954 and 1955. They were obtained through investigation of peasants' domestic budgets, for 1954 from investigation of 30,000 people in 14 provinces, for 1955 from investigation of 70,000 people in 24 provinces.

Year	Infant Mortality
1954	138.52
1955	109.66

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4. The following chart records infant mortality per 1,000 persons in nine Chinese cities for the years stated. The figure beside "total" for 1954 was the rate obtained from investigation of data from 20 representative cities; for 1955, from nine cities; for 1956, from 12 cities.

<u>Cities</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
TOTAL		—	46.8	41.6	34.6
Peiping	65.7	59.3	46.1	44.5	35.1
Tientsin	46.8	51.1	45.3	40.9	29.9
Shanghai	81.2	51.3	35.1	43.4	31.1
Harbin	86.6	85.0	45.1	50.1	40.0
Sian	44.3	45.8	43.3	35.1	33.3
Hangchow	64.0	51.6	44.6	43.1	42.4
Canton	47.7	37.0	35.2	31.8	25.1
Ch'angch'un	-	-	50.7	30.2	43.8
Hefei	-	-	39.9	40.9	40.6

5. The following chart records the population of provincial capitals in 1953 and 1957. The figures for 1953 were taken from the general census of June in that year; for 1957, from statistics available at the end of the year.

Unit:- 1,000 persons

<u>Capital</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1957</u>
Paoing	197	265	Hefei	184	304
T'aiyuan	721	1,021	Hangchow	697	784
Huhehot	148	314	Foochow	553	616
Mukden	2,300	2,411	Chengchow	595	766
Ch'angch'un	855	975	Wuhan	1,427	2,146
Harbin	1,162	1,552	Ch'angsha	651	703
Sian	787	1,310	Nanch'ang	398	508
Lanchow	397	699	Canton	1,599	1,840
Haining	94	300	Nanning	195	264
Urumchi (Tihua)	141	275	Ch'engtu	857	1,107
Tsinan (Chinan)	680	862	Kueiyang	271	504
Nanking	1,092	1,419	K'unming	699	880

6. The following chart records production of food, not including soy beans, in 1949, 1952, 1957 and 1958. Figures for 1958 were preliminary ones, final figures for the fall harvest not being available when they were compiled.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Food (Unit-100,000,000 chin /2443/ or catties)</u>	<u>Population (Unit- 1,000,000 persons)</u>	<u>Per Capita Production (Unit-1 chin or catty)</u>
1949	2,162	542	399
1952	3,088	575	537
1957	3,700	647	572
1958	7,000 (approximate)	-	1,000 (approximate)

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7. The following chart presents a comparative study of food production and population as recorded in the chart in paragraph six.

---Relationships---

	<u>Of '52 Fig.--</u> <u>to '49</u>	<u>Of '57 Figure--</u> <u>to '49</u>	<u>to '52</u>	<u>Of Estimated '58 Figure--</u> <u>to '49</u>	<u>to '52</u>	<u>to '57</u>
Food	142.8%	171.1%	119.8%	3.2 times	2.3 times	1.9 times
Pop.	106.1%	119.4%	112.5%			

8. National income (kuo-min shou-ju 0948/3046/2392/0354) in 1957 was 53.2 percent higher than in 1952. Capital accumulation (chi-lei chi-chin 4480/4797/1015/6855) in 1957 was 77 percent higher than in 1952. Capital expenditure (hsiao-fei chi-chin 3194/6316/1015/6855) in 1957 was 40 percent higher than in 1952.
9. The following chart records the value of industrial and agricultural production in 1952 and 1957 and the relationships of the figures for 1957 to those for 1952.

Unit - 100,000,000 yuan

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>Relation of '57 Figure to '52</u>
Industrial Production	343.26	783.86	228.36%
Agricultural Production	483.92	603.49	124.71%
Total	827.18	1,387.35	167.72%

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